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POLLUTED WATER IN PANIPAT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to seepage of chemically polluted water in open drains and areas by the hundreds of dyeing houses in Panipat in Haryana, the underground water has become contaminated and largely unfit for consumption ;

(b) if so, the action the Government propose to take to ensure that no industry in the country of any sort contaminates the underground water ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to survey all dyeing houses in the country and units which are contaminating the underground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (T.R. BAALU)

(a) According to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, there is nothing on record with item confirming ground water contamination making it unfit for consumption due to seepage of chemically polluted water discharged by dyeing houses in Panipat.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to avoid ground water contamination due to industries include the following:

- Environmental standards for effluent emanating from different industries have been notified.
- The Central Government has constituted the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water management and development.
- Monitoring of ground water quality is being done periodically by the Central Pollution Control Board/State Pollution Control Boards / Central Ground Water Authority in different cities and towns in the country.

(c) & (d) State pollution Control Boards are inventorising the polluting units in their State including dyeing house. Such surveys have been carried out in the State of Gujarat, Rajasthan,Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra etcA number of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) have been provided for clusters of SSI units including dyeing units in different States.